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Board of Regents presents \$600,000 for professorships

BY J WILLOUGHBY

The Board of Regents has awarded \$600,000 to LSUS for endowed chairs and professorships. Joseph Savoie, Louisiana commissioner of higher education, presented the checks in a September 3 ceremony in Noel

Memorial Library. Savoie, acting as a representative of the state Board of Regents called the event a happy occasion and said, "The people (of Louisiana) have decided to invest their money into the future of their state," later adding that this was a success story for the people of Louisiana.

The checks, presented to LSUS Chancellor Vincent Marsala, were part of a matching funds program to provide monies for an endowed chair and two endowed professorships at LSUS.

Marsala, after thanking all those present who had helped LSUS grow as an academic institution, said with a smile, "It's always a pleasure when the regents bring money to Shreveport."

The stated goal of the endowed chair and professorship program is to create stronger economic development ties between the private sector and higher education. In order to create these positions, 60 percent of the cost must be raised from private sources.

Of the \$600,000 provided by the regents, \$520,000 is to be used to create the Ruth H. Noel Chair for the Curatorship of the James Smith Noel Collection.



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Commissioner Savoie represented the State Board of Regents on Sept. 3 to present \$600,000 to LSUS.

The Noel Collection is located in the Noel Memorial Library on the LSUS campus. With the addition of the funds provided by the regents, the Noel Chair is now fully endowed at \$1 million. This new chair will replace the super professorship

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Commissioner Joseph Savoie presents a check to Chancellor Vincent Marsala.

OSA offers free camping in the Ozark Mountains

BY DANA BRIAN

Students who may be interested in outdoor recreation are in luck. A camping trip to the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas has been planned for Sept. 19-21.

The campers will depart on Friday, Sept. 19 and make the three-hour drive to Shady Lake in the lower Ouachita National Forest area. During the trip, campers will have a chance to do some swimming and hiking along the Little Missouri Falls, while learning about the surroundings.

Bryan Schmidt, student activities coordinator, said the goal of the trip is to promote outdoor awareness and to fill the void for people who have interests other than the traditional sporting activities offered at LSUS.

The students will be assigned partners during the trip, and will participate in team building exercises. Chris Jones, recreational sports supervisor, said that the trip will teach the students to work together. "The friendships that will be made during this trip will last a lifetime," he said.

Several LSUS employees will serve as chaperones for the trip, as well as preparing most of the meals for the students. One meal, a type of "pizza pocket" will be prepared by the students, over an open fire.

Sign-up information for the trip is found on the LSUS Web site. Only 20 spots are available, and the first 20 to sign up online will go on the trip. A pre-camp meeting will be held the week

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Library implements new system

BY NISREEN N. HAJAJ

The LSUS campus library, Noel Memorial Library, has always strived to offer students the best services in order to accommodate their various academic needs and to ensure that students are making full use of their privileges at the library.

Recently, the library put the faculty and students' wishes into action by offering a variety of new services in addition to improved services. These facilitate students' access to a lot of materials. Recent technology has enabled the change.

Carla Clark, head of Access Services at the library, said the library has now successfully implemented the new system of electronic course reserves. According to Clark, course reserves are materials, such as class notes or sample tests, that an instructor brings to the library and places on hold for students enrolled in their classes to use. Traditionally, the students can check out the material at the circulation desk for a temporary period of time.

Clark said the electronic course reserves will serve "as a better and broader access to materials." Clark pointed out that the online process will only be available for certain materials generated by the instructor, such as PowerPoint presentations. She stressed the fact that certain materials will not be



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Carla Clark, head of Access Services in Noel, helped implement the electronic course reserves system.

put on hold, such as journal articles, because it violate copyright restrictions.

With the new technology, paper copies of journal articles, sample tests, problems and course notes get digitized and become available electronically. Students can access them online from any computer, on or off campus, so they do not have the hassle of driving to school or worry with time restrictions.

Electronic course reserves can be accessed through the main Web site of the library by going to <http://www.lsus.edu/library> and clicking on the "course reserves" icon.

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From the Editor

I know the only thing that usually draws people to the UC after classes are over is free food or music, but today there is an event to feed your soul instead—the LifeShare Blood Drive.

Giving blood is one of the most simple, selfless acts a person can perform. People are always telling me they can't give blood because they hate needles or can't stand pain. Well, I don't actually know anyone who particularly enjoys getting poked with a needle, but there are much more important factors to consider than your fear of fainting. People usually don't think about donating until a blood drive comes around or someone they know is sick and needs blood, but people everywhere, everyday are lying sick in a hospital bed waiting for a donor who matches their blood type to come along.

Every year in high school my school sponsored a blood drive, and every year I heard the same whiny comments from my friends who were too afraid to donate—"I'm scared I'll faint...I hate needles." It disappoints me to hear people I am so close to say things like that, because one day I could be one of those people waiting for blood. I have thalassemia, a form of anemia, and if I ever lost a large amount of blood and needed more, I would have to have a complete blood transfusion. If there were a blood shortage, what would happen to me? My friends have all heard this story and always tell me they would undoubtedly deal with the pain and donate blood if I ever needed them to, and I know they would. But what about the people who they don't know who need help now?

If for no other reason than to get a free T-shirt and an excuse to be late to class, please stop by the UC and donate blood today. Representatives from LifeShare will be on campus until 2 p.m. A few minutes of your time could mean the difference between life and death for someone.

— Candice Leone

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Having the teachers and administration browbeat us about academic dishonesty is bad enough, but being charged \$7.50 for a booklet that could have easily been put on the campus Web site is ridiculous. However, I have come to expect such nonsense from the administration. They are overly suspicious, if not completely paranoid. Granted, this is only a minor insult to our integrity, but it represents a national and local trend that threatens to stifle not only freedom, but progress as well.

All rhetoric aside, the actions of our national government speak of an attempt at world domination through the use of military power. Conflicts in Iraq, Liberia and Afghanistan get all the headlines, but American troops are fighting in South and Central America as well. And that's not including our involvement in Korea and the Philippines. Force of arms seems to be our only diplomatic strategy.

Locally, politicians have decided the only way to address our traffic-fatality problem is by passing tougher laws, hiring more police, building more prisons and expanding the court system. No one has suggested that we expand public transportation, coordinate traffic lights, institute better city planning or improve driver's education, despite the fact this would be far more efficient and effective in the long run. It seems that here in the Ark-La-Tex, the only solution to social problems we understand

is coercion and brute force. This is the reason we lead the rest of the world in per capita incarceration and trail the rest of the country in education.

Here at LSUS, we have a grossly over-taxed financial aid office, we are reducing hours for the language lab and don't have enough computers for several interactive classes. But we have half-a-dozen police sitting around doing nothing and we have decided to spend money for emergency call boxes. I am sure this makes our cowardly administration feel safer, but it hinders the educational quality of this school.

Courage and a positive view of human nature are essential to the perpetuation of the principles of liberty for which I was taught this nation stood. Clearly, America has become a military police industrial dictatorship based on the principles of medieval religious superstition. How else can you explain the rejection of medical-scientific drug treatment in favor of a faith-based policy? One would think the academia would be resisting this trend, yet here at LSUS, the administration seems to be leading it.

Respectfully,
Karl Burkhalter, senior history major

P.S. none of this letter is plagiarized.

In response to 'Quinton Bell speaks his mind....again' run on Sept. 4

Quinton Bell, in his September 4, 2003 *Almagemest* article, speaks of students seeing, "the hidden truths that surely want to be found." I love the connection he infers between exposing hidden truths and building a better America, because the more informed we are, the better citizens we are likely to make. Perhaps the truth most hidden from us, however, is not as Bell suggests government secrets, media deceptions, or society's overrated attachment to money. Perhaps the truth most hidden from us is the motivation behind our own individual choices.

As citizens, we are given great latitude to make individual choices. We choose our leaders, our jobs, our religion and so forth. From the time we wake until the time we sleep, we make choices constantly - the clothes we wear, food we eat and televi-

sion programs we watch. Many, if not most, of our daily decisions are made either unconsciously or with little thought.

A large portion of the reason for this capriciousness is due to the distractions we allow to invade our thoughts. Such nuisances as car radios, cell phones, other play-ground technology, stresses, and pressures distract us from consciously thinking about who we are and what we really want. As our distractions grow, so does our need for convenience, exemplified by fast food, faster services, and, the fastest access to information. If it is fast, we want it.

As we demand the fastest of everything, we become distracted from the fact that we have limited our choices to what is the fastest and who can get it for us. Bell suggests that truth is hidden from us by the government, media and society. I add to that that we, as an American people, through our distractions and neglect, have asked this of

them. Their creative versions of truth, as with the weapons of mass destruction, are faster explanations and easier to hear.

We students, who are truth-seekers, however, may do well to first identify the motivation behind our own individual choices and examine why we choose our particular majors; why we attend this particular church; why we vote for this particular party. More personally, ask why we love this particular man/woman; why we make U-turns and are sometimes cruel to others. These kinds of questions help us determine our values. In probing our own values, we learn more truth about ourselves, and, in turn, select more improved values, make clearer choices, choose stronger leaders and build a better society.

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Chi Alpha offers fellowship to members of all denominations

BY MARTHA DURHAM

Chi Alpha, a nondenominational Christian organization, offers students a unique Christian gathering. The name Chi Alpha means Christ first and is an accurate description of the mindset of the group. Chi Alpha is a group of students from several different denominations and different sized churches.

The LSUS chapter of Chi Alpha is small, but very faithful. The members develop close friendships with each other. This friendship, according to many of the members, is one of Chi Alpha's biggest draws.

Jim Evans, a psychology instructor and the faculty adviser for Chi Alpha, described Chi Alpha as the "bringing together of different religious experiences to worship God."

"Diversity is our strength," he said.

Fred Watson, president of Chi Alpha, said the small group setting of Chi Alpha makes the gathering unique because students "get to actually bond."

Another of Chi Alpha's strengths is that the students get

along and are able to worship together even though they have different opinions on issues. The members often unite in prayer for the campus and for each other.

The members of Chi Alpha said they see their meetings as a special time of the week.

Jeannette DeSilva, a graduate student in Counseling Psychology, said she attends Chi Alpha because she enjoys the Christian fellowship of Chi Alpha, and "it gets you through the week."

Robert White, a graduate of vocational school who attends Chi Alpha, agreed with DeSilva that the meetings help him through the week.

Watson, a senior education major, said he has several goals for Chi Alpha this semester. Mainly, he wants the organization to grow as a group, both spiritually and numerically.

He also said he wants students in Chi Alpha "to pray for this campus, to intercede for this campus. Not so we can get our numbers up, but just to intercede for this campus."

Evans said he would like for

any student to feel they would be accepted if they joined Chi Alpha.

Watson said Chi Alpha can offer "spiritual refueling" to LSUS students during the semester.

He said he believes the organization is unique as a group because the members can minister to all aspects of each other's lives.

"Obviously, people come back to Chi Alpha because there is more than a Bible study going on," he said.

This semester Watson is offering students the opportunity to share and lead meetings of Chi Alpha.

"Different leaders bring in different views," Watson explained. These different views allow members to solidify what they believe.

Members may have different views on issues, but they can all agree that Christ is, and should be, first in their lives.

Chi Alpha meets in the DeSoto room of the University Center on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Fred Watson at 686-8812, or Jim Evans at 795-4211.

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prior to the trip. At the meeting, Schmidt will inform the campers of what to expect, what to bring and will address any safety concerns that they may have.

Thirty students will be allowed to attend the pre-camp meeting - 20 who are going on the trip and 10 who will be placed on a waiting list.

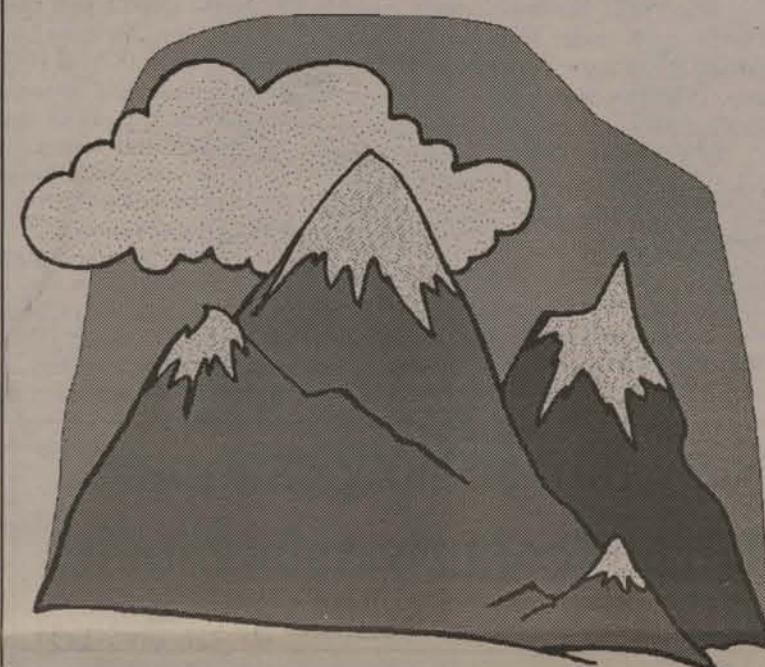
If one of the 20 students slated to go on the trip doesn't show up at least one hour prior to departure on Sept. 19, the first person on the waiting list will be called to take his/her place.

There is no cost to go on the trip. A \$10 fee will be collected from students at the pre-camp meeting, but the money will be refunded to them on Sept. 19.

Kenneth Ortiz, recreational sports supervisor, thinks that the trip will be a great experience for students.

"And one of the best parts is, it's free!" he said.

For more information about the camping trip, contact the Office of Student Activities at 797-5393, or visit the recreational sports Web site at <http://www.lsus.edu/osa/recsports.htm>.



University Police create new operating procedures manual

BY NEIL CASSARD

The LSUS University Police Department will soon have a better way of deciding what action to take at the scene of a crime. Within the next two weeks, Police Chief Larry LaBorde is planning to publish a Standard Operating Procedures manual for the department, the first such manual in the history of LSUS.

LaBorde said that the Standard Operating Procedures, or SOP, will clearly define for the officers the rules and regulations of the department.

In the past, whenever an officer encountered a confusing situation and was unsure how to proceed, he had to call the chief for instructions. Soon, he will be able to go to his cruiser, check the manual, and carry on.

The SOP is designed to cover every aspect of the job, from writing a traffic ticket to dealing with a hostage situation. The SOP will also contain the University Police Department use of force policy and the campus emergency readiness plan.

Though LaBorde said it is impossible to provide complete coverage for every situation, he said the SOP would be a very good basis.

LaBorde was formerly the Police Chief of the West Monroe Police Department, the first na-

tionally accredited law enforcement agency in the country. The SOP that LaBorde has written was modeled on the SOP used by the West Monroe Police Department.

One of LaBorde's goals when he took over the UPD was to create a SOP within six months. Currently, the SOP is going through final editing, and will soon be sent to Chancellor Vincent Marsala for approval.

It will then be published and distributed to the officers of the UPD, possibly within two weeks.

University police officers will receive instruction on the SOP and be subject to random testing on their familiarity with it. This is one of the first of many steps that LaBorde plans on taking to streamline the UPD.

Though the SOP is of little concern to students, its release will be welcome news to the officers of the UPD. Officer Jerry Childress, who worked under LaBorde in West Monroe and is currently a student at LSUS, said an SOP is imperative to a police force.

"Without rules and regulations you've got chaos," he said.

Chaos is exactly what LaBorde is hoping to avoid, but for any situations that the inch-and-a-half thick manual does not cover, the chief is only a phone call away.

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Men's basketball program bounces back to LSUS

BY HEATHER STEPHENS

It has been six years since LSUS has had a basketball program. Coach Chad McDowell said he is looking forward to a fresh, new season. "This is an excellent opportunity to start from scratch," he said. With a lot of support from students, faculty members, family, and the community this should be a promising season, for everyone.

The Pilots basketball team has 13 players on its roster. Collegiate transfers include: Rico Payne, Northwestern; Royce Legg, Tyler Junior College; Justin Collins, BPCC; Travis Cash, BPCC; Derrick Sowell, Northwestern; Derrick Rogers, Seminole St. Junior College; Frankie Francois, Reserve Christian; Matt Jackson, Reserve Christian; Brandon Malveaux, BPCC and Abraham Saxon, John Wood Community College. The three high school recruits, all from Southwood, are Frederick Hughes, Demarcus Graham and Chavis Rose.

McDowell said all of the players bring

with them excellent potential for a hopeful season. Many of the players have received scholarships and realize how important it is to work hard academically.

McDowell comes to LSUS from Southwood High School, his alma mater, where he was head coach of the boys' basketball team. Although he started his career at Southwood, McDowell began as the assistant coach of the girls' basketball team. He spent a year coaching the team that won the Louisiana 5A Championship. He then went to Byrd High School where he was given the opportunity to be the head coach of the boys' basketball team.

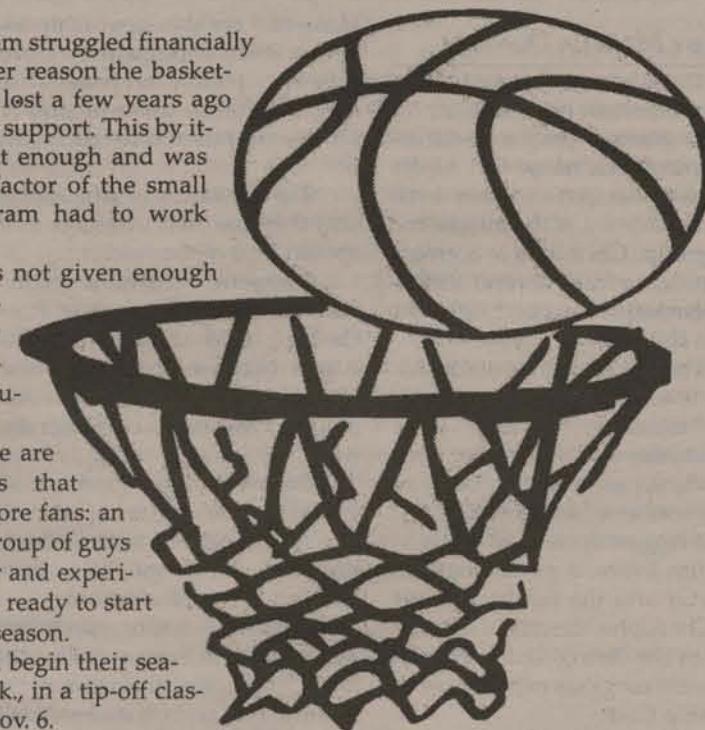
In 2001, after four years of coaching at Byrd, he was asked to return to Southwood to be the head coach of boy's basketball. During his time at Southwood, he led the team to their first playoff appearance in six years and he was named Shreveport/Bossier All-City Coach. He is quick to point out, however, that such a reward should not be credited only to him because it is "all because of the players."

The former team struggled financially to survive. Another reason the basketball program was lost a few years ago was simply lack of support. This by itself was important enough and was the determining factor of the small budget the program had to work with.

The team was not given enough support by the local community and more importantly, by the students.

This year there are two key factors that should bring in more fans: an eager, dedicated group of guys and a just as eager and experienced coach who's ready to start a fresh basketball season.

The Pilots will begin their season in Conway, Ark., in a tip-off classic on Thursday, Nov. 6.



New film society examines, debates controversial movies

BY BO WELLBORN

LSUS Film Society interprets and debates American movies weekly.

The LSUS Film Society, led by Scott Hearne, a senior finance major, meets Tuesday's at 7 p.m. in room 310 of Bronson Hall to discuss and interpret movies such as "The Godfather," "Fargo" and "Psycho." Movies are shown and discussed by interested participants. Hearne said people of all backgrounds and ages are encouraged to attend the meetings.

The movies were selected by Hearne and guided by Robert Alford, assistant professor of communications. Alford teaches a course in American Film, MCOM 290, this semester. The first five movies on the society's list are in conjunction with Alford's course syllabus.

"With this society, my students, along with all interested, have the opportunity to openly communicate and interpret films," said Alford.

Hearne said that because no two people think alike, discussion can become heated. "The Last Temptation of Christ," directed by Martin Scorsese, contains controversial issues among the plot and intentions of the film.

"Scorsese conflicts Christ as man and not 'the Divine' and shows the other side of Christ," said Hearne.

The core objectives of the society are to promote open communication and understanding of plot, story line and character. "We want to promote awareness of film as art," said Hearne. "Besides art for art sake, we want to show how film can be life changing."

Films were selected based on their emotional appeal, significance to their generation and overall theme. All movies depict different genres of cinematography and emotional appeal to audiences.

The LSUS Film Society hopes to become an official member of the Student Organization Council within the next month. "I want the Film Society to continue to hold a place on the LSUS campus after I am gone," said Hearne, who graduates in December. Alford

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Biology Club mixes fun and learning

BY JENNIFER GANEY

The Science Department's Biology Club is open to all majors, not just science.

This semester, the Biology Club has many activities in store that include the Police Department, Chuck E. Cheese, New Orleans, chimps and many exotic cats.

The Biology Club is hosting a seminar involving forensic science by the Shreveport Police Department. Television is saturated with many programs involving crime scenes and forensic science.

Not only is the Biology Club bringing up high tech ideas and information, but also they want to give back to the community.

Students are involved with Chimp Haven, a retirement center revolved around the care of chimps that were former research topics. Students are also giving their hand in the care for sick and abandoned exotic cats at Yokie and Friends.

What do New Orleans and the Biology Club have in common? LSU has a medical facility in New Orleans.

The club will make a trip to New Orleans to visit the LSU medical school where club members will meet with some of the professors.

The Biology Club hopes that by making these trips the students will get an opportunity to

see what is involved in medical school, and plan courses that will further their training in the medical field. The club also plans to visit the Aquarium of Americas, also in New Orleans.

All work and no play make students dull. The Biology club is spicing their activities up by having their annual dinner at Superior. This gives the members a chance to meet each other outside of the school atmosphere.

For students with children, the Biology Club has scheduled a family outing at Chuck E. Cheese. The Biology Club wants to include everyone in the fun and festivities.

The Biology Club has already selected the officers for this year, and they are all seniors ready to teach and entertain the club.

The President is Brynn Forbich; Vice President, Jill Rhodes; Secretary, Stephanie Cochran, and Treasurer, Sashin Patel.

Forbich has done her research for the meetings and has not scheduled any meetings during times required by Student Success Series.

The Biology Club meets during common hour to guarantee that students will be able to attend.

For more information on joining the Biology Club call Beverly Burden, faculty advisor, at 797-5088.

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Mars Star Party clouded out, public viewing rescheduled

BY RACHEL WRIGHT

Hopeful "Mars Star Party" spectators will have another opportunity to gaze at this historical heavenly event. The party, rescheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16, celebrates Earth and Mars' closest encounter in 60,000 years.

The LSUS Physics Department initially scheduled the event for Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 9:30 to 11 p.m., weather permitting. The weather, however, did not permit the viewing to take place.

Dr. Cynthia Sisson, associate professor of physics and chair of the Chemistry/Physics Department, attributed the delay of this event to the "numerous clouds" that began hovering over the Science and Administration Building.

"We have rescheduled the event in two weeks, same time,

same place," said Sisson. "Next week there will be a full moon, and (Mars and the moon) would be in competition. In two weeks, Mars will still be much bigger than usual and noticeably brighter."



Sisson will request the physical plant and baseball field lights be turned off "to help intensify the effect."

The department will have a telescope 16 inches in diameter set up for public viewing of Mars. Dr. M. Cran Lucas, professor of biological sciences, will bring equipment with a video monitor. According to Sisson, the monitor will make viewing possible for everyone, not just those engaging the telescope.

McKenzie Hiser, a fifth-grade student at Shreve Island Elementary said she was disap-

pointed the party was rescheduled.

"We studied all about the planets in school last year. I really wanted to see what it looked like instead of just seeing pictures," McKenzie said. "My mom promises that we will come back."

Shreveport resident, Randi Benoit Rizzo also brought her children to "see this amazing event, and reinforce what the kids are learning at school."

"We'll definitely be back," Benoit said. "My 7-year-old is already making arrangements to bring his friends from school."

Parking for the Sept. 16 viewing will be directed to the lots south of the Administration and Science buildings.

For more information, contact the LSUS Chemistry/Physics Department at 797-5246

Greene, ritual leader for ZTA. "We are very excited about leading our new sisters."

Friday night, the sororities held theme parties in the University Center. On Saturday, the sororities presented their philanthropies to the girls. Sunday was bid day—the day the rushees selected which Greek organization they wished to join. Usually, recruitment is held over a three-day weekend, but this year it was compressed into two days.

To participate in panhellenic recruitment, a girl must be a full-time LSUS student, and have a high school or college minimum GPA of 2.25. Although, a sorority may set its own academic criteria for members.

For more information on Greek life, visit the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of the University Center.

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Ad Council

Gary Jones appointed as psychology chair

BY MELISSA INGRAM

The newest addition to Dr. Gary Jones' long list of accomplishments is his recent appointment to the position of Chair of the Department of Psychology.

Jones has held a number of administrative positions but never a department chair. He enters the College of Education and Human Development with a helpful, approachable outlook on the coming semester.

He came to LSUS from the University of Southern Mississippi. For the past 19 years, he

served in the positions of director of the USM psychology clinic and also as a professor of psychology. Originally from Pennsylvania, he earned his Ph.D. degree at Bowling Green State University in Clinical Psychology.

Jones is trying to get a handle on what the Department of Psychology does well. If there is anything the department would like to change, he will help them do that. But for now, he likes the way the department does things.

According to Jones, being the chair of the department is in some ways strange because you're a member of the faculty but also a member of the university administration.

He says the primary goal of being the Psychology Department chair is to help the department and faculty to accomplish their goals personally and academically. He wants to encourage any idea faculty members suggest and help them to achieve their goals.

He encourages students to pursue what they want to do and to succeed by keeping firmly in mind what they want to do.

"It's not a lot of fun, but any student needs to figure out what they get excited about learning," said Jones.

He said he himself went through four or five undergraduate majors before choosing psychology.

There is a new Master of Science in Counseling Psychology program for which Jones is trying to get national accreditation, and he is preparing for this year's reaccreditation of the Specialist in School Psychology graduate program.

Jones' specialty area is as a licensed clinical psychologist. He owes his interest in this subject to two men: Professor Hal Johnson of Bowling Green State University and Professor Robert Stern of Penn State University. Stern is the person credited for Jones' excitement about psychology. He said these two professors also got him "fired up and excited about his career." He has spent the last 28 years of his career applying the skills that they taught him.

Jones can be reached by e-mail at gjones@pilot.lsus.edu or by phone at 797-5044.

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ZTAs form 'bonds of friendship'

BY KIMBERLY CHESTER

Zeta Tau Alpha is an active sorority on the LSUS campus. ZTA has approximately 20 active members. The maximum number of new members that they can add during rush is 20. This year's ZTA president is Kara Johnson, who has been an active ZTA member since Fall 2000.

"I am very proud of the growth of our ZTA chapter," said Johnson. "This year we are going to become more involved with

"Being in a sorority is more than a four year commitment. There is a bond of friendship that is created for life."

~Kara Johnson
ZTA President

the university."

The LSUS chapter of ZTA has won several regional and national awards, including the National Financial Excellence Award in St. Louis, as well as the State Service Award at ZTA Day in Franklin, LA. They also won

the Major Donor Award for their service and contributions to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"Being in a sorority is more than a four - year commitment," Johnson said. "There is a bond of friendship that is created, for life."

Other officers are: Erin Franks, coordinator of committees; Audrey Miserendino, membership coordinator; Kimberly Litton, secretary; Amanda Robinson, treasurer; and Crystal Greene, ritual leader.

The two offices that will be announced after rush are the New Member Educator and the Panhellenic Delegate.

Crystal Greene, ritual leader, says that being part of a sorority has many benefits to offer.

"ZTA has taught me organizational skills, about friendship, and it can give you the confidence needed for success," she said.

Mollie Schmelzer, technical services coordinator in the OSA, has spent five years experiencing Greek life. "Being a part of any Greek system can give a person skills that they can not learn in the classroom."

Schmelzer stressed the importance of networking within



Kevin Gaspard

Kara Johnson, Zeta Tau Alpha President

sororities. She herself is a product of Greek networking. She moved from Indiana to take the job at LSUS. "Without the help of my Greek brothers and sisters, my transition would have been very difficult."

Schmelzer said Greek life is excellent leadership training and teaches a person management and people skills. "I saw a motto that put it perfectly. It said: 'Leaders now, leaders later,'" she said.

Anyone interested in learning more about ZTA can contact Kara Johnson by e-mail at blueEyedGurl1321@aol.com

Phi Mu strives for campus involvement

BY KIMBERLY CHESTER

Established in 1852, Phi Mu is the second oldest sorority in existence. "Phi Mu is a sorority that encourages sisterhood, loyalty, and honor," said Phi Mu president, Kristina Sojka.

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~ Mollie Schmelzer
LSUS technical services coordinator

Phi Mu is active with local and national non-profit organizations such as the Children's Miracle Network and Project Hope. Phi Mu stresses the importance of staying involved with your community.

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skills," said Mollie Schmelzer, LSUS technical service coordinator.

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This year, Phi Mu wants to dedicate more time to campus involvement. Even when members graduate, they still feel the effects of the bonds they have created.

"Being in a Greek organization brings you in contact with different people all over campus," said Melissa Rumsfield, a Phi Mu alumna.

"A sorority is an addition to your family, and you share the bonds of sisterhood with the past, present and future members of your chapter."

This year's officers are President, Kristina Sojka; Treasurer, Priscilla Turner; Member Coordinator, Katie Durbin; Phi Director, Rachael Matthews; Secretary, Beninese Menendez.

For more information about Phi Mu, contact Sojka at sojka@nwla.com, or visit the Office of Student Activities.



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that had been providing a curator for the collection.

The remaining \$80,000 of the funds given by the regents completes the funding necessary to provide two new LSUS professorships.

The new professorships to be created are the Sybil T. and J. Frederick Patten Professorship for Excellence in Teaching in the College of Liberal Arts and the Don and Earlene Coleman Red River Watershed Management Institute Professorship in the College of Sci-

ences.

With the funds provided by the regents, these two positions are also now fully endowed at \$100,000 each.

With the addition of the Noel Chair and the two new professorships, LSUS now has two fully endowed chairs, 11 fully endowed professorships and three partially-funded professorships.

Also receiving awards from the Board of Regents was the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport. Dr. John McDonald, chancellor, accepted the health center checks.

Sigma Nu colony aims for national charter

BY CHAD WHITE

The Sigma Nu National Fraternity was founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute and was the first honor fraternity in North America. The values of Sigma Nu are love, honor and truth.

The LSUS Sigma Nu's are a colony hoping to become a nationally chartered chapter. Sigma Nu achieved interest group status in February and was upgraded to a colony in August. Brad Craft, the former Sigma Nu president, said they hope to be approved as a chapter within the next 12-18 months, the amount of time it takes to process the application.

Bryan Schmidt, Sigma Nu adviser, said that education is the first and foremost factor Sigma Nu looks for in new members.

This is the first full semester for Sigma Nu as a colony. With the 13 new members that joined this semester, they have a total of 34 members on their roster. The Louisiana Tech University chapter of Sigma Nu is serving as a

local mentor to the LSUS Sigma Nu.

There are several notable alumnae of the fraternity that live in the Shreveport-Bossier area, such as U.S. Representative Jim McCrery, Shreveport City Councilman Mike Gibson and former Bossier City Councilman Buzz Wojecki.

Sigma Nu's goals for the future are to become a chapter and establish a good foundation for others to follow. Craft said his fraternity chose to create a chapter of Sigma Nu because the fraternity held the same values, principles and direction his group wanted to go in.

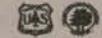
Craft said he is proud of being a founding member of the LSUS colony of Sigma Nu. "It was a great accomplishment ... being able to leave a legacy behind" he said.

The officers for the LSUS colony of Sigma Nu are Chris Owens, Commander; Dan Nevels, Lt. Commander; Chris Jones, Recruitment Chairman.

For more information about Sigma Nu, contact Jones at cjones4@sport.rr.com.



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FILM

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said he would like to see the film society grow and "mimic" other versions at bigger universities like LSU.

The Film Society will feature the following movies this semester:

Sept. 9	Pulp Fiction
Sept. 16	Chinatown
Sept. 23	Adaptation
Sept. 30	The Godfather, Part 1
Oct. 7	The Godfather, Part 2
Oct. 14	Amelie
Oct. 21	The Last Temptation of Christ
Oct. 28	Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb
Nov. 4	Fargo
Nov. 11	Casablanca
Nov. 18	Rushmore
Nov. 25	Sullivan's Travels
Dec. 2	The 39 Steps
Dec. 9	Psycho

For more information, contact Scott Hearne at 453-3857, or Alford at 797-5283.

BY JASON LIMERICK

Movies

"Open Range"

Kevin Costner has a bad habit of putting me to sleep. I mean, he has his moments of brilliance ("Dances with Wolves" and "Bull Durham") but he's made a lot of movies that are great for those late nights of tossing and turning. That being said, I was a bit skeptical heading into this flick, which Costner directed and starred in, but I love Robert Duvall and the idea of his grizzled old cowboy was enough to get me in the theater. The film is about Duvall and Costner's characters— free range grazers just passing through a small town, when they are targeted by a greedy rancher who holds the town in his iron grip and forces the old cowboys to stand up and fight. This film impressed me ... a lot. The cinematic scope and beauty of the story are rivaled only by Costner's own "Dances with Wolves" and after careful deliberation, I have decided that the climax may be the best gunfight I've ever seen in a western. Duvall creates a character as genuine and compelling as any in his career and deserves an Oscar nomination. The romance between Costner's character and Annette Bening's Sue is a bit rushed, and the story does drag at points, tossing in one too many clichés and getting a bit preachy. Duvall and Costner's relationship flows brilliantly, with rich dialog and honest emotional interaction that makes you forget you're watching fantasy — which is always a great feat.

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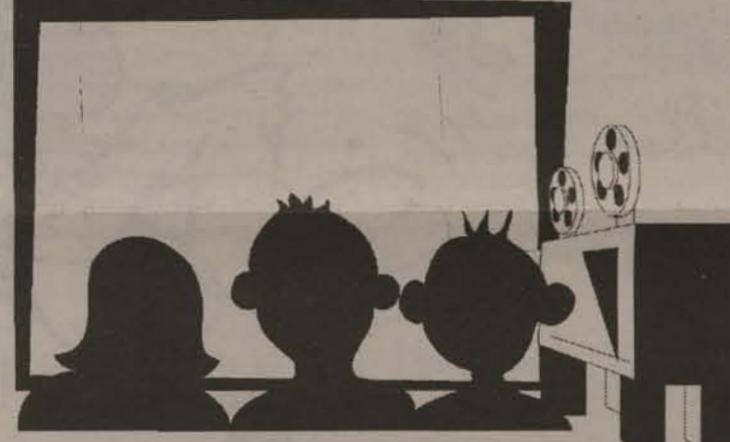
"Bend it Like Beckham"

You probably didn't get a chance to see this one. It's a small British film about a Pakistani girl who wants to play professional soccer. I can't imagine it'd be a hit in Shreveport, but it should be. Writer/Director Gurinder Chadha weaves the tale of young Jesminder "Jess" Bhamra (amazing newcomer Parminder K. Nagra), a girl who plays football (that's soccer in this case) in the park with the boys when she is spotted by Jules Paxton (Keira Knightley, "Pirates of the Caribbean") who recognizes her talent and encourages her to try out for a semi-pro league. The conflict comes from Jess's family who is very traditional and would pre-

fer for her to learn to cook and be a good wife. First off, there are a lot of problems with the movie. It is quite predictable and a bit too long. There is a love triangle thrown into the mix that seems forced, and is not completely convincing. The movie is a little too sugary-sweet for my taste. However, the story flows with genuine emotion and real laughs. I loved Jess's family and the whole traditional community she is from. It gives a real "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" feel of fish out of water absurdity mixed with family drama. Nagra does a great job selling Jess, and Chadha creates a beautiful spectacle of English/Pakistani culture— especially at Jess's sister's wedding.

This movie should get three out of five stars, but I can't help but give it a four. I don't know why I liked it so much, but there was something really great about it that sticks with you. I guess you'll have to see it for yourself.

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BY N. J. McMICHAEL

VIRGO

(August 23 - September 22) Indecisiveness is a strong trait in a Virgo, but decisions must be made this week. You are in a position to exert great influence, so when making decisions keep all factors in mind. Go with your gut if you happen to hit a crossroad — or at least do what would make you happiest. Sometimes it's ok to be selfish. Lay low this weekend. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23) Relationships bloom and your sanity increases this week. If you're attached, work your rela-

tionship to the next step it's been climbing towards for a while — it's time. Your head is clear, your workload is not too overwhelming and it's always nice to start a new season with an exciting new beginning. Make one happen — if anyone can change things, Libra can. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 21) Congratulations Scorpio! Your hard work and sweat has finally paid off and you can begin reaping your rewards. You are the perfect example of the benefits of sacrifice. Let off a little steam this weekend. Get together with some friends you haven't seen in a while — they miss you and can also offer some distinct insight. Listen to them. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 - December 22) As Neptune aligns with Pluto, you feel like you are on cloud nine. Things are going your way like they never have before. Take advantage of this streak of luck and push your odds. Take it to the limit — buy a lottery ticket, go to the boats, or ask that guy/girl out that you've been too scared to — luck is on your side. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN

(December 22 - January 20) Whoa, Capricorn. Have you ever heard the saying 'walk softly and carry a big stick'? Staple that to your forehead this week. It seems the world is falling apart around you, but you can't let that get you down. This is a temporary depression and by Tuesday or so your life will wind down a bit but you still might think of investing in a book with some stress relief tips. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 19) This week opens new doors for you. Take your chances with every opportunity that arises. One event will prove extremely profitable in nature. You are easy-going and productive, which doesn't happen often so try and let your dynamic mood rub off on friends. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

PISCES

(February 20 - March 20) Don't listen to rumors. You have accomplished a lot in the recent past and are well on your way to success. Financially, you are a little crazy, but pull it all together because you are going to want some extra cash handy come next week. Stay on your toes. Your lucky day this week will be on

Wednesday.

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)

Sometimes the easy way is an ok way to do it. Your week's work is a bit overwhelming and taking a few shortcuts is not going to impact you as badly as you think. Spend one night to yourself this week to gather your head and you will reach a new level of success. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 20)

Your generosity and concern for others will pay off undoubtedly this week. Collect the rewards you are due. You have been working too hard lately and you deserve some time to relax. Make it happen — you will thank yourself afterwards. Take your family out to dinner, and enjoy their company — when you work too hard you miss out on those little things. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 21)

Keep your money matters in check this week. You've been doing a bit of splurging but it's time to cut back for a while and save it for a rainy day. You are on the ball and your week will be in line and in good spirits which is just what you've needed lately — a slight sense of reality. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

You have taken on a lot recently, but you are managing your time well. Cancers are very driven people and therefore very prolific — which will shine through. Your new relationship, while rocky for a little while, is withstanding and a lifelong friendship has certainly been formed. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO

(July 23 - August 22)

You're in the dark this week, lion, and you will be very frustrated by that. You are surprised that the world really can keep turning without your input. Use this break to your advantage and take some time to yourself. When is the last time you spent Saturday night alone on your couch with a movie — by choice? You will be surprised how refreshing it can be. Ditch the world for a while this week to get yourself grounded — it will keep spinning, I promise. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**Horoscopes are for entertainment purposes only. Not written by a certified astrologist.

Calendar of Events

September is National Chicken Month - Sponsored by the National Chicken Council

Thurs., Sept. 11

LifeShare Blood Drive; UC Lobby 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 SGA Meeting; Webster 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Phi Mu Meeting; Caddo-Bossier 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 "A Lesson Before Dying" Rehearsal; UC Theatre 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 12

"A Lesson Before Dying" Rehearsal; UC Theatre
 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 13

"A Lesson Before Dying" Rehearsal;
 UC Theatre 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 SGA Volunteer Day

Sun., Sept. 14

"A Lesson Before Dying" Rehearsal;
 UC Theatre 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.
 Delta Sigma Theta Meeting; DeSoto 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting; Webster 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 Phi Mu Meeting; Caddo-Bossier 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Sigma Nu Meeting; Red River 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 15

Tues., Sept. 16

Hypnotist (Teaser);
 UC 10:30 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
 Hypnotist; UC Theatre 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 17

LCPA Teleconference; Webster 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting; Pilot 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 Bible Study; Caddo, Webster, DeSoto 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 18

Phi Eta Sigma Meeting; DeSoto 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 SGA Meeting; Webster 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 "A Lesson Before Dying" Rehearsal;
 UC Theatre 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.



AUTOPLOTS



BY JASON

CONSTITUTION — LAW SCHOOL DAY

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

First floor (outside room 108) Bronson Hall, LSUS

Representatives from law schools will be on hand to discuss the application/admissions process to law school in general and answer questions about their particular law school.

- Regent University School of Law, VA
- University of St. Thomas School of Law, MN
- Hofstra University School of Law, NY

Classroom presentations will be made at 8 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. and 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. by these representatives in Bronson Hall room 108. Students interested in attending law school are invited to attend these free sessions and/or talk to the representatives at the table outside BH 108 on Sept. 17.

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